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Richard Donald Gunn et al.

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For: IMPROVEMENT IN AND RELATING TO APPARATUS)
AND METHODS FOR MONITORING EMISSIONS)

Examiner: Timothy J. Moran)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees in part with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as set forth in the communication mailed on September 22, 2003. The Applicant concurs with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art does not suggest or render obvious the claimed invention.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention as set forth in each of the independent claims and the dependent claims must be read as a whole, and not as a single feature or subcombination of features which represent less than the entirety of the claimed invention as a whole. While a particular feature or subcombination of features referred to by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may represent a basis for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art, Applicant further submit that this may not necessarily be the *sole* ground for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner's statement should, in Applicants' view, not be read as constituting or meaning that the invention can or should be reduced to a single "feature" of the invention or to a subcombination of features that is less than the entire invention claimed as a whole, nor that the single feature referenced by the

Examiner or subcombination of features referenced by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is the only or sole grounds for distinguishing the invention over the prior art of record.

Dated this 19th day of December 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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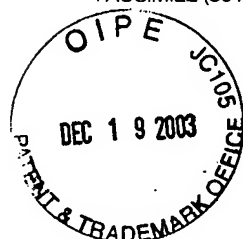
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated September 22, 2003, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application:

X Fee(s) Transmittal (PTOL-85) submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

— A Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventor(s) is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67.

X Comments to Examiners Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

X Certified copy of United Kingdom No. 0027320.1.

X A Certificate of Express Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is enclosed.

— Pursuant to the request for submission of formal drawings, enclosed are the following:

— A Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

— A set of _____ () sheets of formal drawings to replace the corresponding drawings originally filed with the subject application.

— A duplicate set of the _____ () sheets of formal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,675.00 is enclosed to cover:

X The \$1,330.00 government issue fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.

X The \$300.00 Publication Fee.

X The \$45.00 fee for fifteen (15) copies of the patent when issued.

X The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 19th day of December 2003.

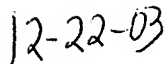
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